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My Dear Friend,

You will remember, I am sure, our faithful friend & coadjutor, Benjamin C. Bacon, one of the honorable "twelve," who founded the first Anti-Slavery Society of New England.

For many years past he has been a great sufferer from sickness and poverty; and on the 6th of this month, he was released from his sufferings & passed into a higher life. There are few left who knew him & labored with him in the early years of our anti-slavery warfare; but those few can

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testify to his unswerving
fidelity to principle. He who
saw much of him in his later
years know how patiently he
endured the hardness of his lot;
how grateful he was for every
blessing of his life; & what
wonderful power he had of see-
ing & feeling such blessings & ap-
parently overlooking the suffering
which some of us thought must
be a very heavy burden to him.
I think I never saw such patience
& cheerfulness in affliction.

He cherished as one of the great
blessings & honors of his life, the
fact that he was one of the
"Twelve". After his death, there
was found in his pocket book,

a fine-stained leaf of the Anti-
Slavery Almanac of 1838, in which
is printed "An Item of History." Its
a brief account of the formation of
the New England A. S. Society.

Pinned to this is a slip of paper, on
which is written (I think in your hand
writing) these words: "We have met
tonight in this obscure schoolhouse;
our numbers are few and influence
limited; but mark my prediction:
Faneuil Hall shall ere long echo
with the principles we have set
forth. — We shall shake the nation
by their mighty power."

Underneath these, is written, in
pencil, "Words uttered by Mr.
Garrison, on coming out of the Meet-
ing above mentioned."

I suppose that Mr. Bacon, impressed by your remark, afterwards asked you to put it in writing; & appended it, at a later period to this leaf of the Almanac; which he has so long carried in his pocket book, as a choice relic.

The last time I saw him, he was very feeble, & hoped that he might not live very much longer in this world. He said to me that he should like to have Oliver Johnson & myself present at his funeral; if O. J. would come so far as from New York. He did not want us "to praise" him, he said; but he would like to think that we would attend his funeral. He spoke of Oliver Johnson having been one

of the "Twelve", which was a
reason why he desired
his presence at the funeral.

Of course, it would have been
a pleasant anticipation to
him to think that you would
soon be there, had you lived
near enough to Phila., to
justify such a request. He
was very modest, and slow
to ask favors from his friends.

His wife's death occurred
several months ago; & we all
feel that, for both, the re-
lease was a blessing.

Our dear friend, Lucretia
Mott, is unusually feeble.
The death of her daughter
and her grandson affect her
seriously. But, probably,

you hear of her, from Ellen, as often as I do.

Perhaps you may recollect that I once told you that I had an opportunity of writing, for an Encyclopedia, an article under the heading of "American Anti-Slavery Society;" and that I sought the opportunity because I was dissatisfied with one which was written by Horace Greeley; under the word "Abolition." The first volume of the book is just issued; and I was much amused by seeing that the editor has appended Horace Greeley's name to both

articles. The assistant
editor of the first volume (not now
in connection with the chief edi-
tor) was very much annoyed
by this, but I was not; all I
cared for was to get my arti-
cle inserted. Horace Greeley's
name will give it weight
which mine would not have
given it; but I cannot help
saying his chagrin at being
made responsible for it, had
he anticipated it. If he knows
it now, I trust that it does not
disturb his peace. He certain-
ly would not have written it
while he was in the flesh.

The book is "Johnson's Ency-
clopedia", published in New

work. If you should happen to see the volume, I should like to have you read my article. I was sorry that there was not time to submit the manuscript to your inspection. If it meets your approval, I shall be very glad. I was obliged to confine my article within preserved limits.

I trust that you and your family are as well as usual

Please give my love to Mrs. Garrison, and to your children. I shall be very glad to hear from any of you. I know that Mrs. Garrison has many other correspondents, & she is very kind in writing to me as often as she does. I thought that you & she would be interested in hearing of Mr. Bacon's last days.

Cordially Yrs. Mary Grew.